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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 33 were originally presented in the application, although claims now numbered 12-33 were originally misnumbered as claims 10-31. All of the claims were rejected in the Office action dated December 8, 2003. Specifically, claims 1-5, 12-16 and 23-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,510,808 ("Cina"). Claims 6-10, 11, 17, 21-22, 28 and 32-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of the combination of Cina and U.S. Patent No. 5,532,715 ("Bates"). Claims 7, 18 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of the combination of Cina, Bates and U.S. Patent No. 5,553,225 ("Perry"). Claims 8-9, 19-20 and 30-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of the combination of Cina and U.S. Patent No. 6,583,798 ("Hoek").

Claims 5 and 6, 16 and 17, and 27 and 28 are herein canceled. Claims 1, 2, 7, 12, 13, 18, 23, 24 and 29 are herein amended. Claims which are merely corrected as to misnumbering are not referred to herein as amended. Claims 34-36 are herein added. Applicant considers the amended claims patentably distinct over the cited references.

The amendments to claims 1, 12 and 23 incorporate the limitations of claims 5 and 6, 16 and 17, and 27 and 28, respectively. The Office action contends the Abstract of Bates teaches that an indicator for an object is displayed within a slider, and that a position of the indicator within the slider indicates a position of the object within the window. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant is unable to find any suggestion by any of the references cited about this specifically claimed feature. The Abstract of Bates makes no mention at all of objects displayed in a window and within a *slider*, much less that a position of an indicator for such an object is shown within the slider and indicates a position of the object within the window. The only reference Applicant is able to find anywhere in Bates to an object concerns a teaching about a marker being placed in a *scroll bar* for an object when the object is selected in a window. Bates, col. 2, lines 19-34.

Furthermore, the amendments to claims 1, 12 and 23 also add limitations stating that an appearance for the slider is displayed according to a manner in which i) if the displayed object is displayed entirely within the window then the displayed appearance for the slider includes the indicator representing the object, and ii) if the displayed object is larger than the window, so that only a portion of the object is displayed within the window, then the displayed appearance for the

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entire slider corresponds to the attribute of the indicator for the object. No new matter is added by these amendments, because support for these amendments are set out in the specification.¹ Thus, according to this feature of the amended claims, if an indicator is red, for example, and only one indicator is shown in the slider, or if the slider has no indicators in it, due to an object displayed in the window being larger than the window and the window being positioned such that the indicator for the object is outside the slider, then the slider changes to red. Or, for example, if the indicator is an icon having a certain symbol and only one indicator is shown in the slider, or if the slider has no indicators in it, due to an object displayed in the window being larger than the window and the window being positioned such that the indicator for the object is outside the slider, then the slider changes so that the slider has the same appearance as the icon. None of the cited references teach or suggest this feature of the claims, as amended.

Perry, the reference relied upon for the teaching of claim 7, 18 and 29, does not teach anything about displaying in a scroll bar, nor displaying in a slider, an indicator for an object that is displayed in a window, and does not teach displaying an enlarged view of a slider responsive to a user command, wherein the enlarged view shows information for the object. The cited teaching from Perry does concern enlarging the size of a slider in order to change the scale of what is viewed in a window. Enlarging the size of a slider itself is not the same as, and does not suggest, an enlarged view of the slider. Moreover, Perry does not teach that the enlarged view of the slider shows information for an object displayed in a window, as claimed.

With respect to dependent claims 7-11, 18-22 and 29-33 in the present case Applicant contends that the Office action is improperly using knowledge gleaned from Applicant's own disclosure to piece together references.

¹ Page 8, line 20 - page 9, line 2 ("According to another aspect, if the slider 140 has only a single indicator in it, as in FIG. 2B, then the slider 140 changes to the same color as the indicator. Likewise, if the slider has no indicators in it, due to an object displayed in the window 115 being larger than the window and the window being positioned such that the indicator for the object is outside the slider, then the slider 140 changes to the same color as the indicator for the object that is displayed in the window."); page 6, lines 10-15 ("In FIG. 1 the indicators are shown as letters, where the letter "X" represents a text type object, the letter "I" represents an image type object, and the letter "T" represents a table type object. The letter symbol for an indicator 160 may be referred to herein as an "attribute" of the indicator 160. In different embodiments the indicators may have a different appearance than what is shown in FIG. 1. In one embodiment the indicators are icons. For example, in one embodiment the indicator 160 for the audio clip 106 is an icon that looks like an audio speaker.").

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PRIOR ART OF RECORD

Applicant has reviewed the prior art of record cited by but not relied upon by Examiner, and asserts that the invention is patentably distinct.

REQUESTED ACTION

Applicant requests that Examiner acknowledge the references that were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement at the time of the filing of the original application.

Applicant contends that the invention as claimed in accordance with amendments submitted herein is patentably distinct, and hereby requests that Examiner grant allowance and prompt passage of the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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